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(C) Kudos to Embassy Rangoon for outstanding reporting on Biodiversity Conservation in Rangoon 115. This cable is an excellent example of how a small grant and determined public awareness efforts can advance diplomatic engagement by working with dedicated park rangers and teachers even in a delicate and difficult context. The protection of Southeast Asian dry forest habitats and their wildlife has been given a huge boost from the Embassy's engagement in protecting the buffer zone of Shwesetaw Wildlife Sanctuary and related public awareness strategies, and as Embassy Rangoon noted, has also provided post with access to poor, rural Burmese. OES thanks post for its efforts and encourages further discussion and reporting on post's successful use of ESTH diplomacy.
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